

Deputies' Meeting

Friday, 13 February 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

S. 2.17.53

a. Stated that at a recent NSC Meeting Mr. Stassen had used the figure of 50,000,000 tons as being the amount of steel being produced by the Soviets and asked Mr. Becker if this figure was not nearer 36,000,000 tons. DDI indicated that it was and undertook to prepare a memorandum to Mr. Stassen for A/DCI's signature so indicating.

S. 2.18.53

b. Asked DDP to consider as a matter of urgency the appointment of a small group of "knowledgeable individuals" to investigate and prepare appropriate recommendations in regard to the activities of [REDACTED]

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c. Stated that Deputy Secretary of Defense Kyes was most desirous of securing a suitable replacement for [REDACTED] and had asked for our recommendations in this regard.

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d. Noted that he had agreed with Mr. Stassen to lend [REDACTED] to USA for about a week in connection with [REDACTED]

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Gave the A/DCI a memorandum from [REDACTED] concerning three coming events of Communist activities in Chile and noted the situation in this country should be watched closely to see which way the Chileans would turn. In connection with Latin America as a whole, DDP noted he had discussed this subject with [REDACTED] and undertook to prepare a memorandum of conversation -- a copy of which will be furnished DDI.

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c. Stated that consideration should be given as to the contents of a briefing for the newly appointed Ambassador to Italy. After some discussion, Mr. Dulles stated he would "sound out" State on this and Mr. Wisner noted he would also discuss the matter with [REDACTED]

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

d. Again raised the question of employment of [] and stated Col. Edwards had advised him if [] was one and the same person who had "run afoul" of Gen. Smith in North Africa, [] was at that time acting under instructions from Gen. Donovan. After some discussion wherein DDA noted that [] had been the subject of a loyalty hearing and DDP stated that [] had been pushing for a decision on [] Mr. Wisner undertook to have [] obtain the file on [] for further consideration in regard to his employment by CIA.

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Mr. Becker:

a. Confirmed a previous report to A/DCI that there is a detailed discussion in the "EIC Paper" on the locomotive stock used on the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

b. Noted that item five in today's CIB had been red-lined as being worthy of calling to the attention of the President.

Mr. Wolf:

a. Reported that Governor Peterson had been appointed as the Emergency Planning Officer for the White House and Peterson, accompanied by Col. White, would inspect our facilities [] on 16 February.

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